

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ISABELLA THACKER MOULTON AND HER HUSBAND JOHN E. MOULTON
(Isabella is the 9th child born to William and Pachel Tonks Thacker)



Isabell Thacker was working at the Wm. Moulton Ranch at Elkhorn, north of Heber when a young woman. Here she met her future husband who was working there also hauling produce for his brother William by team to Park City. He hauled milk, meat, eggs and so on, to Park to sell.

She was a beautiful girl with light brown curly hair and blue eyes and had a very happy disposition. It wasn't surprising when John, the hired man, who was tall dark and handsome with kind disposition and refined manners, began courting her and they were married Mar 23 1882 in the Endowment House in Salt Lake City, Utah.

After they were married they moved on the west side of the street at the ranch in a little log cabin. Here they made their home. John still working for his brother William. Here their first two children were born. Charlotte Elizabeth, Jan. 5, 1883 and John Thomas, Dec. 24, 1884.

Soon after this they moved to Weber to live. Working at farming and stockraising. They lived with father and mother (Thomas Moulton). They lived in an old rock house on 2nd North and 2nd West. Here Fredrick William the 3rd child was born June. 22, 1887 and died 8 days later. The following year Sarah Moulton, John's mother died.

John and several other men in the community went to work at Fred Giles' brick yard down in the Southfield, making brick to build them a new home. They went to the rock quarry and got the rock and to Smithies saw mill and got out the lumber to make their new home. Moved in and right after their son Addison Charles was born Apr. 30, 1889.

They were happy in their new home. John's father, Thomas, came to live with them. John and Isabell were both active in church and civic affairs. He belonged to the Dramatic society and took part in many plays. He was called to fill a mission to the Northern States. He left on May 20, 1890. Father Thomas Moulton helped Isabell care for the children in the fathers absence. Thomas became ill and John was called home in 1892. Soon after this his father died. He served 22 months so was given an honorable release.

John and Isabell helped care for many of their relatives. Pearl and Claude Thacker lived with them some time. He was very generous, went on notes with lots of people. Many he had to pay. He was a wonderful teacher in Sunday School. Was superintendent and was a counselor to Bishop Thomas Hicken. Was on High Council, for many years. He was also active in politics. Served on city council for 20 years and held many positions of trust. Was Mayor of Heber City at the time of his death, Feb. 3, 1915 after a short illness of pneumonia.

They celebrated their silver wedding with a large crowd enjoying dinner prepared and served by Martha Will at their home. Grandpa Thacker spent his last years with them and died in their home just 3 weeks prior to John's death. Isabell was a wonderful mother and gentle.

After the death of her husband, Isabell was very lonely as she had poor health. She had leg ulcers and had several strokes. Her mother also died with the flu leaving two children. Isabell spent her last days at the home of her daughter Lottie Giles. She died Jan. 1, 1925.

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Addison Charles Moulton	- Apr. 30, 1889	
Dayce Bell Moulton	- Feb. 3, 1893	in Heber
Albert Thacker Moulton	- Feb. 17, 1895	"
Ernest Dewey Moulton	- May 7, 1898	"
Ethel Tern Moulton	- Sept. 19, 1901	"